released to the Government of Punjab under the State Component of the ASIDE Scheme during the last three years are as follows:

Sl.No.	Year	Amount Released (in Rs. Lakh)
1.	2002-03	900.00
2.	2003-04	1,000.00
3.	2004-05	968.00

Apart from the above, a sum of Rs. 4 crore has also been released to Punjab Small Industry and Export Corporation (PSIEC) in 2005 from the Central component of ASIDE for the construction of second module Common Effluent Treatment Plant at the Leather Complex in Jalandhar.

Import Duty on Soda Ash

2305. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of Import Duty on soda ash;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested against further reduction of Import Duty rates to protect the domestic soda ash industry against import; and

(c) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Soda ash at present attracts customs duty at the rate of 15% *ad valorem*.

(b) and (c) Department of revenue has received a request from Government of Gujarat for maintaining the present rate of import duty. This request would be examined at the time of formulation of the budget for 2006-07.

Import of Indian Poultry products by Japan

2306. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has allowed import of Indian poultry products;